

To: House Committee on Appropriations, Representative Waymaster, Chairman
From: Ryan Flickner, Kansas Farm Bureau
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Re: HB 2072 – Relating to Vehicle Registration fees and the Eisenhower Preservation Fund

Good morning Chairman Waymaster and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) in opposition to HB 2503. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

KFB policy is opposed to funding non-transportation related programs and activities through vehicle registration fees.

KFB policy makes it clear that revenues generated through collections of vehicle registration fees should be channeled into transportation programs. This bill does not meet that requirement. Furthermore, farmers and ranchers often register many more vehicles than the average Kansas citizen in order to utilize these vehicles in their operation. Many of these registered vehicles, such as grain trucks, are only used for a few weeks throughout the year, yet bear the full burden of any vehicle registration fee. Therefore, this increase in fees will likely have a disproportionate impact on Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Thank you for your time, and we ask you to oppose HB 2072.